

**REMARKS**

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 11, 2003. Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-17 and 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,062 to Chien et al. (hereinafter Chien) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,191,593 to McDonald et al. (hereinafter McDonald).

Chien is directed to a telephone/computer system where computer related functions are made available to wireless telephones. The Chien reference shares similarities with the present invention but the present claims include fundamental differences not taught by Chien and the cited combination.

The Applicant agrees that Chien does not teach a phone call linear combiner. The Applicant respectfully disagrees that Chien and McDonald teach the present invention as claimed or as amended.

Chien is directed to a system, which enhances telephone system capabilities by employing software applications, which can be called up, by a user or subscriber. As clearly stated in throughout Chien and specifically at col. 6, line 1-7, the functionalities provided by the computer software are "all responsive to input received from a portable device 15." The portable devices or telephones in Chien are needed to call up the software application or service. The portable devices are the control link for the system. Nowhere in Chien is the system configuration changed by or under the control of the computer. Instead, the computer in Chien

acts as a supplemental system, which enhances the performance of the telephone system by adding additional functionalities.

Claim 1 of the present invention, includes, *inter alia*, a wireless telephone system comprising ...a base unit ... and interface for interfacing with an external computer characterized in that said interface comprises: a processor, ... wherein the computer, when interfaced with the base unit via the interface, can communicate with the processor to change the system configuration; and the external computer being responsive to system conditions such that a system setting is automatically changed by the external computer based on the system conditions.

Claim 1 now recites for clarification that the external computer may be employed to initiate system configuration changes. Chien fails to disclose or suggest this, and McDonald fails to cure the deficiencies of Chien.

While McDonald teaches the use of a liner combiner, McDonald fails to disclose or suggest an external computer or that the external computer is responsive to system conditions such that a system setting is automatically changed by the external computer based on the system conditions. McDonald also fails to disclose or suggest that the computer can communicate **with the base unit processor** to change the system configuration.

Since these features are not disclosed or suggested by the combination of Chien and McDonald, claims 1, 10 and 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. Claims 10 and 19 include similar elements and are also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. The remaining claims are dependent from claims 1, 10 and 19 and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

By the Office Action, claims 9, 18 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chien and McDonald in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,198,925 to Lee et al. (hereinafter Lee).

Lee is directed to an antennae selection method, where a cell 102 is divided into three zones 104A, 106A and 108A. These zones are handled by each respective antenna 104, 106 and 108. While Lee may expand the capacity of a cellular network by providing additional zones and selecting an appropriate antenna for individual users, Lee does not cure the deficiencies of Chien and McDonald as set forth above. In addition, it is unclear how someone skilled in the art would combine the teachings of Lee with the teachings of Chien to arrive at the present invention. Lee provides an antenna selection method, while Chien provides a wireless telephone system, which employs software applications run on a computer. System expansion in Chien or McDonald would not be provided by employing an antenna selection method. Further, there is no suggestion in Chien or McDonald on how to expand the system or if such expansion would even be desirable.

The addition of McDonald to the previously cited combination does not cure the deficiencies of the combination of Chien and Lee. While Chien adds capabilities to a phone system, there is no disclosure or suggestion as to the expansion of the number of users of a system. In fact, nowhere in the cited combination of references is it disclosed or suggested to add an additional (second) interface as set forth in the present claims under the control of a computer to expand the overall size of the system.

The present claims provide a second interface. In particular, claims 9, 18 and 25 recite, *inter alia*, a second interface for interfacing with a second wireless telephone system, under the control of the computer; to expand overall system size. The subject matter of claims

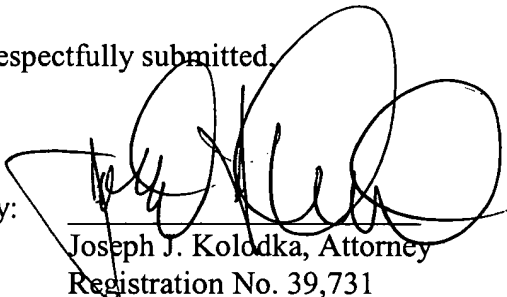
9, 18 and 25 are not taught or suggested by the cited combination for at least the reasons stated above. Nowhere in the cited combination is a second interface disclosed or suggested. Nowhere in the cited references is such a second interface under the control of an external computer as set forth in the present claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that claims 9, 18 and 25 be allowed. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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